



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 14th February 2025



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Hopefully you will hear about some of the 'Safer Internet' activities your children and young people have been doing over the course of this week. We wanted to include our parents and carers, and as such are sharing this link (below) with you. The main article provides some tips for parents to help spot and avoid online scams, and also some quick links to 'top tips' for different ages of children and young people. If you want to get your child or young person involved, there are also some quizzes for different age groups on the left hand side of the page.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>.

Primary Department News

Caterpillar Class have been focussing on Valentine's Day this week where they all participated in a Valentine themed attention circle and made some special crafts. We went to Sutton High Street on Wednesday to look at the different buildings and were lucky enough to see a crane lifting building supplies which was great fun! The children walked beautifully through the shopping centre to the café for a snack. Horse riding was unfortunately cancelled this week so Caterpillar Class visited Priory Park instead. It wasn't very busy, and the children had a great time exploring and using the different equipment. We finished the week revisiting some of the different letter sounds we have been learning over the last half term.

Meadow Class visited Knights Garden Centre on Tuesday where the children enjoyed looking at the variety of plants and flowers. We made scrambled eggs on toast in cooking and were impressed with the children's skills in cracking eggs! Cycling was very successful and all the children were able to ride on their bikes around the arena; it was a calm and peaceful experience. Meadow Class celebrated Tiana's 7th birthday on Friday, and we tasted a delicious chocolate cake. Tiana blew her candles out with one big blow! Happy Birthday Tiana!

Peacock Class all enjoyed their trip to Banstead Library on Wednesday afternoon where they got to play on the magic sensory table. The table has an interactive projector and the class got to make puzzles and pop bubbles! The children engaged really well and had fun with the interactive games. In science we have been learning about woodland habitats and the children were able to name quite a few animals that live there. We talked about the reason why animals liked living in woodlands and were able to add some more animals to our list! In English we have been reading 'Remarkable Robots' and then designed our own robot, describing what job it would do and what materials it would be made of.

Reminders & Requests

A reminder to all parents and carers that we have two planned staff **INSET training days** on Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February. School will be closed to all pupils on these two days. Children and young people return to school on Wednesday 26th February.

Papillon House will be celebrating **World Book Day** on **Thursday 6th March**. All children and young people will have the opportunity to come dressed as their favourite book character with special activities organised throughout the week. Please see the attached letter for more information.

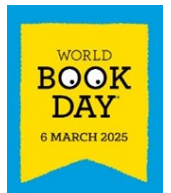
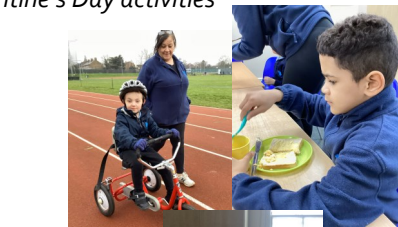


Photo Gallery



Visit to Priory Park

Valentine's Day activities



Making scrambled eggs on toast.



Meadow Class enjoying cycling

Birthday celebrations!



Visit to Banstead Library

Story Time

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Swallowtail Class have thoroughly enjoyed our topic this term of 'Chinese Festivals'. This week the class have been carrying out some Valentine's Day inspired work, including a Valentine's Day attention circle and making Austrian Linzer biscuits in cooking. The class also learnt about online safety this week as part of their ICT topic and the week's focus of 'Internet Safety Week'. Swallowtail Class enjoyed cycling on Thursday as well as Bailey's 11th Birthday party on Friday.



Secondary Department News

Monarch Class have continued their topic work of 'Food from Around the World' with a final visit to Mexico! The class have enjoyed making Tacos in our cooking session and tasted Quesadilla and Tortillas in our tasting snack session. Monarch Class have used the Valentine's Day theme for all their work this week, including solving puzzles in maths using numbers up to 20. Monarch Class completed Valentine's attention circles this week getting messy using shaving foam, glitter and love hearts! The class finished off half term enjoying a DVD in class.



Admiral Class have been working very hard with their ASDAN this week working towards finishing their digital camera sessions. In swimming, some of our learners have been working hard on their independent swimming, and some have been working on using the floats. Admiral Class made mashed potatoes in their cooking session this week, learning to be safe around boiling water. To mark 'Safer Internet Day' the pupils discussed how to be safe when using the internet and what it means to be a safe internet user.



Emperor Class enjoyed our trip to Leatherhead high street on Wednesday where we looked around the shops and discussed the different jobs that we could see people doing. We even had time to stop for a drink and snack at a cafe. In class, the students carried out a Science investigation to record what materials melted faster - ice, chocolate or wax. We've also been very busy making lots of Valentine's treats to sell to staff. The students made jam tarts, red velvet cake and shortbread biscuits. They all tasted 'love-ley!'



Stars of the Week



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar** Jaxson for "happily sitting and eating his snack in the café when on our community visit."
- Meadow** Cruz for "amazing writing and morning work."
- Peacock** Jack for "his excellent baking skills when making biscuits."
- Swallowtail** Aiden for "amazing cycling this week."

Birthdays



Tiana celebrated her birthday this week and received a squishy unicorn! The class enjoyed a party and cake.

Bailey celebrated his birthday this week and received some Lego and some planting seeds. Swallowtail Class celebrated with a party in class.

Therapy

A big well done to Dawid who has been working hard in our sessions. Dawid has been practising his handstands and has made amazing progress in his form and stability, really impressing the staff and his peers! *Clara Boxall- Occupational Therapist Assistant*



Head Teacher Award

This week's Head Teacher's Award is awarded to Jack for kicking his legs whilst using a noodle float on his back at swimming.



Well done to Jenny who has been working really hard in our sessions focusing on using cutlery and fine motor skills. Jenny has demonstrated great improvement in chopping during her cooking lessons.

Clara Boxall-Occupational Therapist Assistant



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place during the Spring Term 2 2025. Further information will be sent nearer the time.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Monday	24th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Tuesday	25th February	CLOSED	Staff INSET training day. School closed to all pupils.
Wednesday	26th February	9.30am	Start of Spring Term 2
Thursday	6th March	All day	World Book 'Dress-up' Day
Friday	21st March	All day	Comic Relief Red Nose Mufti Day
Friday	4th April		Easter Egg Hunt with the Easter Bunny
Friday	4th April	2pm	Spring Term Ends
Tuesday	22nd April	9.30am	Start of Summer Term 1
Wednesday	30th April	pm	Secondary Transition Fair

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

"Great job guys, schools out!"
Nevaeh (Caterpillar Class)
finishing at the end of the day.

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